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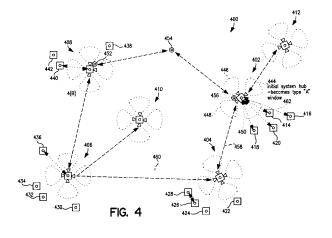
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#### (54) Wideband wireless communications architecture

(57) A wireless communication network and architecture is disclosed. The network generally establishes a source node transmit window (108, 702) (during which a type A node transmits signals) and a source node receive window (110, 702) (during which the type A node receives signals). The node may then transmit over a CDMA link during the source node transmit window (108, 712) to a destination node. Similarly, the source node receives over the CDMA link from the destination node during the source node receive window (110, 714). The duration of the source node transmit and source node receive windows (108, 110) may be chosen freely, and may even by unequal in duration. Type B nodes adopt the opposite transmit and receive timing as a type A node

after assimilation. During assimilation, a source node selects a first assignable CDMA spreading code (704) for use in a first communication link, and transmits during the source node transmit window (108) a reservation channel carrying the first assignable CDMA spreading code. The source node (602) may then detect a handshaking response during the source node receive window (110) and in response select a second assignable CDMA spreading code for the next communication link. The source node (602) then transmits during the source node transmit window (108) the reservation channel carrying the second assignable CDMA spreading code. In this fashion, new nodes may assimilate to the network (and transmit their own reservation channels) until all available spreading codes are in use.





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